

November 10, 2010

ITEM NO. A5

RATIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (DCEO) AND INCREASE TO THE FY2010 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners ratify the acceptance of a grant award from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (“DCEO”) in the amount of \$11,700,000.00 for implementation of the LeClaire Courts Demolition and Environmental Cleanup Project and increase to the FY 2010 comprehensive budget by the same amount.

EXPLANATION

On October 1, 2010, the CHA received official written notice of a grant award of \$11,700,000.00 from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). The purpose of the funding is to implement the demolition of 55 low rise buildings at LeClaire Courts, which are located within the Garfield Ridge community on the southwest side of Chicago. The property, which was developed in 1950, has been deteriorating as a result of decades of reduced resources and is in need of revitalization to better integrate and complement this middle-class enclave within the city. The LeClaire Courts residents, consisting of 68% single-parent households, were relocated to other housing units in 2009 to prepare for the demolition and transformation of the project. The grant funds will be used for the demolition of the LeClaire Courts buildings, site cleanup, and the re-establishment of the property site in preparation for future development. Additional funding will be sought for future housing development within the project site

Grant-funded activities during the period of October 1, 2010 through the ending date of September 30, 2012 will specifically include: securing site fencing and on-site security management, as mandated; proper legal abatement and disposal of hazardous materials; removal and disposal of all trash and debris; site extermination prior to and during demolition; coordination of all utility terminations with utility firms and capping all utilities at the site lot line, structural demolition; removal and disposal of all surface/attached pavements and other site features associated with the referenced buildings, as well as removal of terminated and abandoned underground utilities; removal and disposal of all demolition debris; filling, grading and restoration of the site; and hydro-seeding for new grass. Costs associated with this project are directly related to the demolition of buildings and construction of site improvements, as noted, include Design/Engineering; Construction Management/Oversight to encompass site fencing and security management activities; excavation/site-prep/demolition; and other construction expenses that include site remediation, green space removal and replacement, construction of slabs, footings, roads and parking areas, and all related appurtenances.

Completion of this project will benefit the public by removing structures that pose a threat to health and safety, and also by preparing the site for future housing development opportunities.

Based upon the foregoing, it is in the best interest of the CHA to ratify the acceptance of the DCEO grant in the amount of \$11,700,000 for implementation of the LeClaire Courts Demolition and Environmental Cleanup Project and increase to the FY 2010 comprehensive budget by the same amount.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-CHA-141

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Housing Authority has reviewed the Board Letter dated November 10, 2010, entitled "RATIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND INCREASE TO THE FY2010 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

THAT the Board of Commissioners ratifies the acceptance of a grant award from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in the amount of \$11,700,000.00 for implementation of the LeClaire Courts Demolition and Environmental Cleanup Project and increase to the FY2010 comprehensive budget by the same amount.

